(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the extension of remand applies to post-chargesheet cases only and the saving in expenditure is not substantial as the cases for extension of remand are being decided at a venue located at some distance from the jails proper which makes it necessary to continue with the practice of providing armed escort.

(b) The two Metropolitan Magistrates have been holding their courts in the Tihar Jail Complex since 2nd June, 2003.

(c) and (d) It is a fact that if the cases of extension of remand during the pre-challan period also are decided within the Tihar Jail Complex it will ease the pressure on Delhi Armed Police though the savings in terms of expenditure may not be so substantial.

Responsibility to Deal with Naxalite menace

†1846. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given the responsibility to deal with naxalite violence in Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to C.R.P.F.;

(b) if so, whether Government would also give freedom in work in addition to modern weapons and means of communication to C.R.P.F. for dealing with it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) C.R.P.F. has been deployed in Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to assist the State Police forces in dealing with the naxalite problem. The CRPF is adequately equipped with the modern weapons/communication equipments to tackle the situation.

Bureau of Criminal information system

1847. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of the National Crime Criminal Information

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System, a bureau was proposed to be created exclusively for the Kolkata police Commissionerate;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far; and

(c) by when the bureau is expected to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. Kolkata Police Commissionerate doesn't enjoy the status of a district/State under the Crime Criminal Information System Project. However, a server with client computers has been supplied to the office of the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata to create a centralized databank of the five districts under it.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Homeguards personnel in Delhi

†1848. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of home guard personnel in Delhi and names of the departments where homeguard security personnel have been provided;

(b) the details of outstanding dues pending against departments from homeguards as on date and since when these dues are pending;

(c) the action taken to recover dues from all the departments;

(d) whether the homeguards personnel get their salaries every month in time; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by government to pay them salary in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The number of Home Guard Personnel in Delhi as on 28th July, 2003 was 2002 and the names of user-departments are given in the Statement-I (*see* below).

(b) and (c) A total sum of Rs. 6,50,212/- was outstanding against various departments as on 30th July, 2003 as per the details given in the statement-II (see below). The defaulter departments are being regularly reminded to settle their outstanding dues.

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